

Former Editor Returns In Martlet - Council Feud

The Martlet has been fortunate enough to gain the support of Mr. Pierre Berton, managing-editor of Maclean's magazine, particularly in regard to the Martlet's opposition to the Students' Council. In a letter to the editor Mr. Berton said: "You came to the right guy. I used to snipe at those stuffed shirts on the council when I was out there and know just what you are up against."

Mr. Berton attended Victoria College in the years 1937-38 and 1938-39. He was editor of the Microscope, the forerunner of the Martlet.

I am delighted to learn that The Martlet is at loggerheads with the Student's Council and that the Students' Council is at loggerheads with The Martlet. Any other situation (such as perfect agreement between a student governing body and a college newspaper) would be both depressing and unhealthy.

Since newspapers began, they have always been at odds with constituted authority in the form of local government, big government and, as at Victoria College, student government. This is the proper function of a newspaper. When all the newspapers agree with the government in human society, you can be pretty sure something is wrong in society. That is the situation in the Soviet Union today and in Spain and that was the situation in Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. A newspaper's function, in my view, should be similar to the function of a Loyal Opposition and if it does not fulfill its duties in this respect then there is really little reason for its existence.

CAMPUS NEWSPAPER

On a university campus a newspaper has several special jobs. It is, in the first sense, one of the real ways in which a college is bound together. But the binding cannot be done by slavish adherence to the status quo. It is the proper job of a campus paper to air the beefs and grievances of various students, to puncture demagogues when they ask for it, and to ferret out all the information it can about the workings of the student body whether that information is palatable or not to those in authority. It is the job of the college newspaper—as it is the job of every newspaper—to be fair in such matters and to be accurate—but the students' council is not necessarily the judge of what constitutes fairness or accuracy. In the

end the student body, perhaps, is the judge and there are several ways of showing its pleasure or displeasure through writing angry letters to the editor (which the editor should allow when space permits) or throwing the editor in the lily pond (which the editor should permit when space allows.)

STUFFED SHIRT-ISM

In my own days on The Martlet's predecessor, The Microscope, we were constantly at odds with the Students' Council. There was, if I recall, a tendency to stuffed shirt-ism among some of the councillors—as there always is—and we felt it our duty to remove some of the stuffing. There were times when the council tried to censor us—as constituted authority has, from time immemorial, tried to censor the press. This we resisted with every atom of our being, successfully I think. I hope and trust The Martlet's present staff will fight to the last drop of ink to preserve its independence, for there is only one thing worse than a college without a newspaper and that is a college with a censored newspaper.

PIERRE BERTON.

What's Doing?

The Union Room will be officially opened on Saturday afternoon, January 30. A reception to which all parents are invited, will be held in the Library at 3:30. At 4:00 in the Union Room itself, W. P. Jeune, member of the College Council and Chairman of the Schol Board, will speak and musical entertainment will be provided by the College Glee Club. Afternoon tea will follow. In the evening, an informal dance is planned, the first of a long list of events to be held in the Union Room.

The Blood Drive this year is being sponsored by the Student Christian Movement Club, and a committee headed by Art Anderson is arranging the details. Although plans as yet are in the tentative stage, the drive is expected to take place on March 18, from 10 till 4. All fit students over 18 years are urged to take part. Last year 75 per cent of the student body donated blood. This year we should top this mark.

The annual WUGS Dance, a major college function, will be held Friday, February 12, in the Union Room. Tickets were originally \$1.75, but the price has been upped to \$2.00 apiece, the extra quarters going to the ART CORNISH fund. The MUGS are expected to provide the entertainment, and an M.C. in the person of Cec Branson. To add to the fun, the traditional loving cup will be presented to the "lovingest" couple on the campus. Cups will also be awarded to the "International Lover" and the "Caf. Queen."

ment will be on hand at the intermission. Although we've had many pleading requests and also due to circumstances beyond our control, the performance (?) will take place.

Generally, a good time is guaranteed. By the way, remember, with two cents you can buy a mouthful of bubble gum. So for tickets at only \$1.98 from any Martlet staff member you can spend a pleasant evening gloating over the saving on this amazing reduction price. See you there!

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S.C.M., GLEE CLUB AND M.U.G.S. SPEND PROFITABLE TERM; OVER 100 PLAYERS ON CAMPUS TEAMS

Let's face it, clubsters—Vic College is overrun with presidents, vice-presidents and secretaries of non-existent clubs. The latest to fold is Music Appreciation. Ex-president Marlene Henderson shrugs off its demise with "nobody likes to listen to symphonies."

Apparently nobody likes to listen to jazz either. It's crazy, Man! At present the club seems to exist solely for president Tom Jones and campus queen contestant, Jennifer Little.

SUE HARRISON — MISS MARTLET



In an exclusive interview with the Martlet's candidate for the beauty competition—Miss Sue Harrison—your reporter learned that this young lady was not an Island girl but was born in Trail in 1935, coming to Victoria when she was six. Sue has attended Beacon Hill School, South Park and Vic. High. While at the latter school she was treasurer of the Hi-Y Club and active in drama and operetta. Highland dancing was another one of her pursuits and she won many medals in competition. As if all this were not enough she gained a well deserved Honourable Mention in the school's Drama Festival held last year.

At College she is a member of the Glee Club and the Bowling Club combining these successfully with her studies. Her favourite sports are golf and badminton. She has numerous other interests and she enjoys watching television.

When asked for her opinion of the competition Miss Harrison said: "I feel that as long as it is kept on a plane concurrent with College life it is a very good thing." With which opinion incidentally this paper heartily agrees. She concluded by wishing her fellow candidates the very best of luck and said that whoever was the winner, the competition was sure to be a good one.



SHEILA HARDIE
MISS LIBERAL CLUB

College Liberals

By BRYAN MEE

With the Liberal Club coming into the limelight at Vic College there appears to be a surge of Liberalism. This is not the case. At the recent by-election a great number of empty pie plates were worn by sheep-like people. Two or three, so called Young Liberals started the fad which has now extended to the forming of a new club. Their first guest speaker showed this sheep-like tendency when he said that his first reason for being a Liberal was that his father and grandfather had been Liberals before him. What a feeble reason! Do most of Vic College's Liberals give this reason or is it just the vogue?

It is true, "Young Liberals," that a new member must be voted into your club by a two-thirds majority? If so this sounds more like an exclusive Old Man's Social Club, rather than an organization interested in the "greatest good for the greatest number, with respect for the minorities."

Here is an idea for your club, if you haven't thought of it before now. The Provincial government is considering liquor licenses now and if you are lucky you might be able to obtain one and then set up a fine, but exclusive bar for your members.

Through The Keyhole

HEATHER CLARK being thoroughly beaten in a snowball fight with BILL BOUCCOCK. Why? Because she didn't give him two cookies in Chem. Lab. . . . FRAN FREDETTE puzzling over the modern paintings outside the Library. . . . Absent minded PROFESSOR CLARK wearing a dinner jacket, blue shirt, red tie and grey flannels in an 8:30 Chemistry Lecture. . . . RON BIRCH battling with world famous badminton champ EDDIE CHOONG. . . . ANN HEYWOOD trying to get an interview with FLORENCE CHADWICK. . . . SHEILA KINGHAM bringing a huge snowball into Biology Lecture—and the amusing results! . . . CAROLE VALENS soaring down Mt. Doug on skis—and on the same party. . . . ELLIS ACHEM sitting down with skis on. . . . MARILYN BASSETT and PHYLLIS ROSE playing in the finals of the B.C. Handicap badminton tournament. . . . GLORIA MOL-

The Science Club meets spasmodically; the Booster Club not at all. The International Relations Club took an entire term to get straightened out, and the first meeting is slated for noon today. George Plawski is the new president following the resignation of Jack Davey. Executive members are Sheila Carstens and Geoff Lester, and council rep is Brian Smith. IRC is now officially a college club, with Mr. Pettit as sponsor.

GRIND INTO ACTION

To date, one lone speaker has addressed the Women's Undergraduate Society, and there is little hope of another. The executive is just now beginning to grind into action at the prospect of the co-ed dance and spring tea. MUGS, however, have made several solid contributions, including a smoker, fall dance, political meeting and campus queen contest.

The Pre-Med Society has done its duty and no more. Newman Club membership can be counted on three fingers; IVCF attracts a slightly larger crowd.

CLUB SUCCESSES

The one notable exception is the Student Christian Movement, which absorbed the Public Speaking Club and Forum early in the year. Approximately 25 members turn out to Wednesday and Thursday meetings to discuss St. Mark and comparative religion. In March, the SCM, under president Anne Skelton, will sponsor the college blood drive, which was an outstanding success in '53.

The Glee Club, directed by Miss Roberta Wood, has also had a successful term and has just completed a CBC engagement.

SPORTS

The College sports scene this term is mixed and active. Latest reports show the Rugby team to be firm and steady, due to heavy investments by Dan Henslowe, Tom Ward, Sedge Richardson and Coach Carson. The first team has a record of five wins against no setbacks. The second team, competing in the same league, bows under 1 win and 4 losses. Playing exhibition games only, the Basketball team compiled a record of 5 wins and 3 losses.

Stock in the soccer team is falling fast, with heavy losses on every side. (Continued Overleaf)



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EDITORIAL

The Director of Pubs. has rejected a MARTLET EDITORIAL, criticising the Council, which was destined for this space.

This illustrates how Council censorship can eliminate anti-Council criticism.

Local Book Burning

By DAVID GEDDES

I read in the Daily Colonist of January 26, that a certain undisclosed body of local personages has taken it upon itself to remove from the Public Library books which they in their infinite wisdom deem to be subversive and pro-Communist.

As yet this petty little band of good men and true has not decided what works they will see fit to cast from the shelves in its current "clean up" campaign. I have no doubt thought that local bookdealers are lusting for a glimpse of the list of titles to be gleaned from this forthcoming literary witch hunt. These merchants I feel sure will promptly order a sufficient supply to cope with the forthcoming demand for these works which are presently to be plucked from their quiet resting places on the shelves of our public

institution and sky-rocketed into notoriety.

It should be pointed out to these misguided fubadubs that in taking this action they will be crawling under the covers with some highly incompatible bed-fellows such as Hitler who burned the books and their old enemy Joe Stalin, who ruthlessly purged any authorship not to his liking. This seemingly innocent act of removing a few volumes from public access can become alarmingly expandable. Fear of certain literature soon strikes a deadly parallel with fear of any form of scholarship or free thought. Fear moreover can be used by the genuinely treacherous elements in our land. Those who wish to overthrow our way of life can use this blind irrational approach to play us right into their hands. The actions of this book removing element can supply immense provender for their propaganda machines.

I will not try here to analyze the basic reasons for this lamentable action on the part of these good people but I hope that I have outlined the possible consequences. I would therefore ask that this hasty and ill-timed step be reconsidered.

SPORTS

(continued)

The team managed to score one goal this year—and that in an exhibition game against Royal Roads. Soccer coach John Pickburn has done nothing to improve team morale. He has attended but one exhibition game and a practice session.

ENTHUSIASM

On the other hand, the 12 bowling teams have maintained a steady pace all year, under the guidance of Ellis Achtem. Badminton courts also draw enthusiastic spectators each Wednesday. Ron Birch is first seeded in the men's singles, with Marilyn Bassett holding top spot for the girls. Semifinalists and finalists will receive cash awards, which will assist in financing their way to U.B.C.

At this writing, interest in the cross-country team is fast running out. In one appearance, Bill Gelling, Jim Moore, Ron Wickstrom, John Hill, Harold Robinson and Graham Elliston, the College entry placed fourth at the Royal Roads track meet.

CLUB MELTS

Recently, large numbers turned out to the Booster Club rally and duly elected a committee to spark interest in College sports. The committee tacked up exactly three posters and quietly melted back into the crowd. The schedule of coming games and scores on the notice board is neither up-to-date nor readable.

Altogether the biggest drawback to college sports strength is the fact that so many excellent players do not support college teams. Players like Pete Winters, Dave Price, Len Anderson, to name a few, could add much to college scores, particularly in the soccer sphere. But many College players have been playing with commercial teams for several years and are not willing to give up this allegiance for a College team.

Rugby Snowed In; Badminton Tournament

RUGBY

Both College teams are undefeated this year. Although it would be pleasant to say this is due to their superior skill and intensive training—I can't. Actually snow-covered ground has forced cancellation of all January

games. As soon as the snow melts, I safely predict they will play rugby again.

BASKETBALL

On the other hand, the Vikings basketball squad won a close game on Monday as they beat Navy 53-42.

Most of the credit for this win goes to Gary Corbett with 19 and Pete Winters with 16.

In a game last week, the Vikings gained a close victory over Esquimalt High, 48-46. Al Snowsell copped 26 points while Len Anderson followed with 14. The boys were playing under their new coach Lorne Oakley and showed improvement in ball handling and their general hustle. In fact, they hustled so much that Monty Little got six fouls and Anderson five.

BADMINTON

Play started in the Badminton Club last week with no upsets. Ron Birch appears favored to sweep all the events, but I wouldn't bet on it. His doubles partner Peter Sharp, might win the singles while the team of Ross Young and Ken Yingling will be no pushover in the doubles.

I pick Marilyn Bassett as top girl. She shouldn't have too much competition in either the singles or the doubles. Marilyn and Ron are teamed in the mixed doubles; if Marilyn can play well enough to make up for Birch's dubs, they might win.

As some people may have noticed, Ron Birch had the honor of being the first Victorian to be beaten by Eddie Choong, the world champion. Congratulations, Ron, you got three points.

BOWLING

Walker's Woes are leading the bowling league with the Rainiers and the Hi-Lifers following closely. Singles averages are: Men, Ellis Achtem 223, Doug Townsend 189, and Ian Lochead 186; women: Delma Jackson 177, Gloria Molofy 162, Heather Clark and Dorothy Rogers 150.

home, I saw one guy racing his engine. I later heard that he lost. Then, just as I was entering my apartment, some guy stepped on my hand. That made me fighting mad. I still can't figure out what he was doing walking so high off the ground. Oh well, maybe it was just a pigment of my colorful imagination. Suddenly a dreadful thing happened. I awoke. After a hearty breakfast of a bicarbonate of soda and two aspirins, I decided to do a little exercise. Up down, up down. Perfect! Then I tried the other eyelid.

I soon got tired of that though, so I decided to go golfing instead, but just as I got into the car, I noticed that the seat covers were missing. I ran back into the house and quickly put on my shorts and then decided to wear two pairs of pants in case I got a hole in one.

I got a birdie on the first shot, a birdie on my second shot and as that was the bag limit, I put away the shotgun and pulled out my No. 3 iron.

It was a good game though, first time I ever played golf on snowshoes. And now a word of advice. Don't miss Danny Kaye's new picture, "Hans Christian Jorgenson," the Danish fairy tale.



MARGARET SIMMONS
MISS I.R.C.



MARILYN DE WOLFE
MISS W.U.G.S.

The Fruits of Sin . . .

The Rugby Dance was over and I was back in bed.

Ring! Ring! Good Lord, who could be calling on me at 4 a.m.? I popped out of bed and crashed through a maze of furniture to the front door. The only thing that greeted me was an icy blast of snow.

Ring! Ring! Could it be that infernal thing that wakes me every morning? Hardly—I've never heard mother make a noise like that before.

Ring! Ring! Following a brief calculation I made the inductive leap and after picking myself up from the ground, lifted the Republican-Democrat telephone (it was a party line.) "Are you there?" I snapped.

A confused voice on the other end hesitatingly asked, "Is—is that Empire eleven eleven?"

"No!" I retorted, "this is Empire

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"Then I have a wrong number. Sorry to bother you."

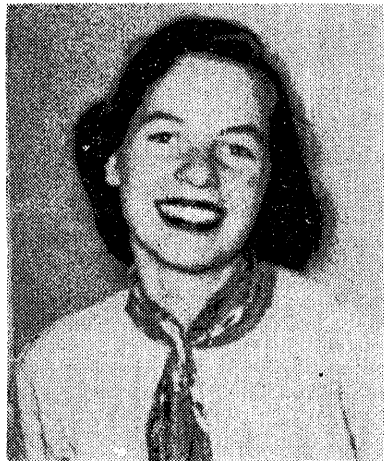
"Oh, that's okay," I reassured him "I had to get up to answer the phone anyway."

I navigated back to my bedroom, opened the door and stepped in. There was a horrible scream and the sound of a body falling down stairs. I came back up from the basement and found the right door. I couldn't get to sleep for a while, but instead of counting sheep I imagined I was on a tight rope and soon dropped off.

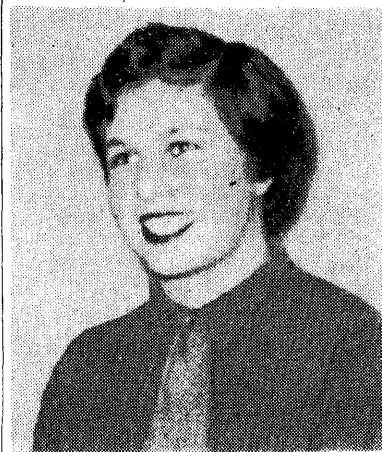
And then in one horrible flash, I was back at that dance. A big empty whisky bottle, Ian Parker and the rest of the gruesome details flashed before my eyes. Boy, what a dance that was. For a while it was so crowded that even some of the men had to stand. The use of artificial stimuli became quite apparent, and even the temperature got high. I noticed the makeup on my girl's face was running. Actually I couldn't blame it. If I was that close to her, I'd be running too. At least she washed her hair before she came. I could tell. She forgot to take off the laundry tag. It was quite a night for a romance, though. I overheard one man say to his girl, "Darling, I want you for my wife." I wonder what his wife's going to do with her.

The music was supplied by a four-piece band. It could only play four pieces. One of them in particular stuck in my memory. It was that one written by a fellow in Krestova, B.C., called "I'm in the Nude for Love."

Yes, it was really an all out affair. They threw us all out. On the way



HEATHER CLARK
MISS RUGBY TEAM



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MISS PRE-MED



JENNIFER LITTLE
MISS JAZZ CLUB

Don't Forget The
Clearance Dance
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